Comfort Letter

[date]

[Addressee]

Dear [Addressee]

[Company name] has informed the Regional Water Quality Control Bo ard, [name] Region ("Regional Board") that it intends to sell its property located at [address] in [name] county ("Site"). Since [year] the Regional Board has been the lead agency in connection w ith the investigation and remediation of soil and groundwater con tamination at the Site. Over the past [number] years, [Company n ame] has cooperated fully with the Regional Board, and it has com mitted to do so in the future.

[HERE, SUMMARIZE TECHNICAL WORK DONE AND STATUS, FOR EXAMPLE: An extensive subsurface investigation has been conducted at the Sit e. Technical reports submitted by [Company name]'s consultants i ndicate that [number] borings were drilled where evidence existed of potential pollutant releases. Remediation ultimately was required in [number, if appropriate] locations. [xxx areas have been remediated to closure and one area continues to be remediated by soil vapor extraction. A risk assessment was developed to determ ine appropriate remedial cleanup levels at the Site and the Regio nal Board reviewed and approved the cleanup levels. [Company nam e] also has installed [number] groundwater monitoring wells to ch aracterize groundwater contamination. In [year] the Regional Board approved implementation of a groundwater treatment program which continues to be operational today.

The Regional Board considers [Company name] to be the primarily r esponsible party in connection with the remediation of contaminat ion at the Site, and the Regional Board expects that [Company nam e] will continue to implement the current remedial action plan un til closure is obtained. The Regional Board does not pursue pros pective purchasers or their lenders where the primarily responsib le party has the financial resources necessary to conduct the rem ediation, and where that responsible party is satisfactorily engaged in active remediation.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

[name]
Executive Officer